



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Dieu-Minh Thai Le

For: PROGRAM STARTER SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING PROGRAM
STARTUP

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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